# WHY COAL IS SO COSTLY.

### Monopolists Hold Sway and Do as They Please to Make High Rates.

THESE RULERS ARE THE RAILWAYS.

Competition Abolished and Prices Sent Up Higher than They Have Been in Sixteen Years.

HOW LONG WILL THE PEOPLE SUBMIT?

roles agents representing these companies fix the prices of coal, and the weak retailers are compelled to submit. Wherever there is a meeting of the Retail Coal Exchange and the price of coal is advanced some member explains it by saying that the wholesale dealers have raised the price, and the retailers must make 4 corresponding advance to protect themselves.

blame back on the retail dealers. When a committee from the New York State there had been no advance in the wholesale market. this city could control the coal market the Governor-General of Cuba.

WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE? that both the wholesale sales agents and the retail dealers are responsible. It is quite certain that between the two the price of coal has been maintained for many years in a manner that is entirely out of proportion with the general tendency of everything towards a lower scale of prices and the greatly decreased cost of mining. Here are some comparative figures on the price of coal at the fide-water ports at intervals for the last sixteen years:

| 1874 | Lamp | 1875 | Steamer | 246 | Processor | 257 | Cheston | 246 | Processor | 257 | Cheston | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257 | 257

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COAL RAILWAYS A MONOPOLY.

To-day the coal railways—so called—
hold 90 per cent, of the anthracite coal
fields. Coal can now be mined cheaper
than ever before. As has been stated,
the cost of the machinery used has been
lessened. More power can be cheaply
applied. Water is kept out of the
mines easily. Coal that formerly went
to the waste heap is utilized. The
facilities for handling are vastly greater.

But while the coal companies have reaped the benefit of all this, the miner in Pennsylvania and the consumer in New York have not been helped.

A few years ago coal could be transported in Philadelphia over the canal from Port Carbon in the Lehigh region for 50 cents a ton. Competent authorities state that coal can now be got out at mest of the mines and delivered in cars at \$1.50 a long ton. In 1889 it was \$1.41. One dollar a ton would pay a big profit to the transportation companies for coal hauled to New York and all costs of handling paid. Two hundred and fifty tons is not an extraordinary load, and a locomotive burning coal that costs next to nothing and a train crew of five or six men do the work required.

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Under these circumstances it is no wonder that one of the coal roads, the Delaware and Hudson, has in its treasury an undivided surplus of \$5,000,000, all realized from coal.

It is a fact, moreover, that the coal companies have held the price of anthracite up so high that despite the tariff they were threatened with competition from Great Britain. There have been negotiations recently by manufacturers for an importation of Welsh anthracite. The supply in Wales is large, practically unlimited, and it is an excellent steam coal. The presence of this coal in this market would make the American coal barons consider more favorably the demand for lower freights to tidewater.

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Buffalo More Remote from Mines than New York, Yet New York Pays More for Coal, and, Oh Shame! Stands It, Toc.

The consumer in this city must now pay \$5.25 a ton for white-ash coal. For red-ash coal, so highly valued by those who want a quick and hot fire, he must pay \$5.75 a ton. The World showed yesterday how much higher these figures are than they ought to be.

The retail dealers charge the responsibility for the nigh prices upon the control of the

### CUBAN INSURGENTS FOILED.

Arms Shipped from New York en the Alert Seized by Government Troops at Puerto Principe.

MADRID. April 8 -The Governor-Ger eral of Cuba has sent to Senior Becerra, Minister of the Colonies, details of the The wholesale sales agents cast the frustrating of a revolutionary conspir-

Senate was in this city investigating advices received, had collected 2,000 the coal combine, Richard H. Williams, selling agent for the Eric Railroad, tes- directing the movements of the contified that the retail price of coal was spirators from San Domingo. Without fixed by the retail dealers, and that his being aware of it he was watched they had raised the price often when by the Spanish Consul there. Gomez there had been no advance in the whole-sailed for New York April 4, and all the He said that ten men in known facts were communicated to

The military authorities were advised EVILS OF WHICH FEW KNOW EXIST. HER LIFE AN EVENTFUL ONE. of the plot, and a close watch was kept But it is plain to an impartial observer to prevent the landing of arms or am that both the wholesale sales agents and munition. It was learned that arms and He Proposes Also that Business Men Who

ing of munitions of war have been suspended, and a strict investigation will be made.

The Minister of the Colonies has sent a despatch to the Governor-General praising him for his action, and ordering that he deal in the strictest manner with the customs and railway officials implicated in the affair.

LONDON, April 9.—A Madrid despatch to the Standard says the Spanish Ambasador at Washington has been instructed to ask the United States Government to watch the Cuban refugees in that country.

overcome the waste by giving ample nourishment. Physicians, the world over, indorse it.

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INGERSOLL AND HIS PAVORITE GRANDCHILD.

This picture snows Col. toobert G. Ingersoll and his eight-months-old grandson, Robert G. Ingersoll Brown, young
Robert, who was born Aug. 7, 183, is his
grandfather's pride and prospective heir,
de is the second child of Walston H.
Brown, a banker, who married Col. Ingersoll's eldest daughter, Eva, and bears
, striking resemblance of his grandiather, as the picture shows. Even if
the picture does not show it, Col. Ingersoll and Mrs. Ingersoil and the chil's
father and mother say so, and they
should know.

There are some points upon which they

# POOR DEBTORS, ATTENTION! SAYS SHE IS HIS WIDOW.

Assemblyman Kneeland Wants to Do Mrs. Lillie Rumsey Claims a Dower Away Altogether with Ancient Sponging-House Laws.

Make Honest Failures May Secure a Discharge of All Debts.

Assemblyman S. F. Kneeland, of importance to in this State.

The second section provides in was Henry D. Purroy. detail for the carrying out of this pro-vision, and also limits imprisonment for he met Mrs. Lillie Rumsey, then supcivil contempt to six months. The other posed by her friends to be a childless sections extend the provisions of the widow. Mrs. Rumsey was about ten original law to such commercial frauds years his junior, well educated and a were heretofore punished by civil

Mrs. George W. Childs, of Philadelphila, has rented her Eiberon cottage to Joseph J. O'Donohue, City Chamberlain of New York. She will spend the summer at Avon-by-the-Sea. She has placed her cottage with New York agents for sale, the price asked being \$50,000. Mrs. George W. Childs, of Philadel-

Right in the Estate of Fire Capt. Gleason.

Brooklyn, introduced two bills in the Fire Department knew Capt. Luke Legislature last Wednesday which are Gleason, who died Nov. 26 last. Gleason the debtor had been in the department for twentyclass, and the creditor class as well, three years, rising steadily from the One is an act abolishing imprisonment for debt and providing for
the punishment of certain frauds.
The first section of the bill abolishes imprisonment in all civil acof age. One of his most intimate friends

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Has Money to Keep the Liberty Statue Light Burning

M. B. Curtis, the actor of "Sam'l of Posen" fame, whose trial on the charge James D. Leary's Work and of killing a policeman in San Francisco has kept him away from the metropolis for several years, was welcomed back to New York vesterday by quite a gath ering of friends in the Lotos Club. Curtis has just come to the city from

"It was reported that I was 'broke," he said to a reporter. But I was able to buy the Driskill Hotel in Austin for NO USE TO BID AGAINST HIM \$423,000. Besides, I have a ranch near Dixon, Cal." Curtis does not show any trace of the

recent strain to which he was subjected in San Francisco. His hair is as black as ever, and his smile as expansive as it the days of his early success.

"I want to deny through The World," he said, when the trial was referred to "that there is any truth in the story about an alleged confession to my attorney after my triumphant acquittal, That story was only a part of the terrible police conspiracy which aimed at my life. I had to fight the entire police and detective force of the city. I am proud to say that among my best friends are the good citizens of San Francisco. who saw through the plot to sacrifica me to win a reputation for the police." It is nearly three years since Curtis was here. He played last in the Star

in the summer of 1891 in the "Shatchen." He will make his reappearance in New

SHOT HIMSELF IN THE HEAD.

Bullet in His Rrain.

John Parker, a retired contracte ie before morning.

prey to despondency. Dr. Gardner had been attending him, when the doctor called on Saturday he told one of Mr. Du Bois, having had his eye upon man House, is probably the most power.

The doctor said the end was near.

Farker is a widower, and is reported to have been quite wealthy. He owns the row of two-story and basement brick buildings on Bushwick avenue, between Gates avenue and Palmetto street.

garian and Italian societies. It was Mr. Phelan kept on announcing the stokes, J. D. Leary and G. W. Cornish headed by a mounted squad, the speak-bids until the final one. That was James capital stock of the company is 250,000. ers of the day following in carriages, D. Leary's bid. Mr. Phelan, looking at Sickes was seen last night at the Hoffman House then several hundred society members the document, called out: Morris & Cum-

" SAM'L OF POSEN" BACK AGAIN.

Mr. Curtis Is Not Only Here to Act. but IT'S ALL "UNDER WATER." BARGAINS. ALWAYS SO

How He Got and Holds His "Pull."

One Firm Tried It, Was Turned Down and Has Been " Frozen Out" Ever Since.

LEARY'S RELATIONS WITH E. S. STOKES.

Partner of the Man Who Is Known to Have the "Biggest Pull with Croker."

Another chapter of the Dock Board

street, are dredgers and do a large business. The house was established many 7670 St. ELEVATED RE. OR CARLE CARS. years ago by Henry Du Bois. The bustwhom Charles is the head of the firm A. They used to do a good deal of city frozen out.

John Parker, a Retired Contractor, Put a ris & Cumings, the firm name for James course. D. Leary, who is Commissioner Phelan's John Parker, a retired contractor, sixty-five years old, attempted to commit suicide at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon by shooting himself behind the right car with a revolver in the bathroom of his home. No, 1965 Bushwick avenue, where he lives with his two married sons. Dr. Sidney Gardner, of No, 1985 Gates ave.

brain. The doctor said Parker would necessary, it is well understood that the have been glad to dredge out It Was in Her Flat that Capt. Gleason

Died—A Lengthy Hearing Before Referes

Treasurer is put into that place to control trot the machinery. It is he who sends about a year ago, and since then he had been confined to his home. He suffered acutely at times, and was frequently a leaf acutely at times. The Cardiar had leaf acutely at times, and was frequently a leaf acutely at times, and was frequently a leaf acutely at times. The Cardiar had leaf acutely at times, and was frequently a leaf acutely at times, and was frequently a leaf acutely at times. The Cardiar had leaf acutely at times, and was frequently a leaf acutely at times, and was frequently a leaf acutely at times. The cardiar had leaf acutely at times, and was frequently a leaf acutely at times, and was frequently a leaf acutely at times. The cardiar had leaf acutely at times, and was frequently a leaf acutely at times, and was frequently a leaf acutely at times. The cardiar had leaf acutely at times, and was frequently a leaf acutely at times acutely at times acutely at times. The cardiar had leaf acutely at times acutely ac

opening the bids. These bids are opened and Edward S. Stokes are partners in HIS RECORD WINS HIM FRIENDS. in Mr. Phelan's private room, and Mr. several ventures.

Phelan does the opening. There is no James D. Leary and become representative of the Comptroller press partner in the Hoffman House. Whether ent, as required at other public biddings. Phelan and Duval supply the liquors of Mr. Phelan sharp on noon opened the this place is not known. Only a short tide and read them off. Among the time ago The World published the follow-Kosaith were held in Newark yester- others he read off the Du Bois bid at ing item: day. The procession early in the after- 101-2 cents. It must have startled him. 

Then there was a sensation. The Du Bois bid was regarded as a wonder because none of those present could do dredging at that suit the sense house to be the form of the sense of the sense

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the old one it had occupied, but John H. They have a high reputation for busi-linear got the pier for the American ness integrity. But they are not in poli. The draught of the American linear ties, and they have no "pull" at Pier called for an additional ten feet of depth, fredging-but not now. They have been feet deep. Consequently Morris & Charles I'm Dais had had one eye on dredging between May and October of James J. Phelan and the other on Mor- that year-on the Treasurer's orders, of

bondsman, as told in yesterday's World, disposed of, rock was next encountered, ever since Mr. Phelan began distributing. This the board blasted out at its own Sidney Gardner, of No. 1085 Gates avenue, who was called in, made an unsuccessful attempt to remove the bullet, which is supposed to be lodged in the while unanimous consent of the board is Experts 1: the business ray they would be recommended by the business reco

Every man connected with New York's Fire Department knew Capt. Luke Gleason, who died Nov. 25 last. Gleason had been in the department for twenty-three years, rising steadily from the lewest to nearly the highest position. Four years before his death, while at the head of the School of Instruction in East Sixty several as a position. For the several captures and several captures and several captures are several captures. Stokes and estimates to the charmed circle.

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he had been away on a trip and hadn't committed saidcle as his sister supposed.
Young Hoey says he will have the eorpse disinterred and given over to the city authorities.

Is you delay selecting your bargains in Funnian at Paint's, a great chance will be missed, stores, 104-108 West 14th st.

Capt. R. H. Pratt, of the Carlisle (Pa.) out soap) on anything that water doesn't hurt,

Millions row Pearline

Late last night Parker recovered